OBSEQUIES

Bishop Alvin Troy Wagoner

Born: October 22, 1916, Waco, Texas

Departed this Life: December 31, 1974, Oakland, California

"Finally, brethren, whatsoever things are true, whatsoever things are honest whatsoever things are just, whatsoever things are pure, whatsoever things are lovely, whatsoever things are of good report; if there be any virtue, and if there be any praise, think on these things." Philippians 4:8

Services

Ephesian Church of God in Christ

1709 Alcatraz Avenue, Berkeley, California

Monday, January 6, 1975

at 11:00 a.m.

Officiating

Bishop Felton King
Phoenix, Arizona

Master of Ceremonies

Bishop G.R. Ross
Dr. J. Andrew Ramsey

Interment

Evergreen Cemetery
Oakland, California

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This great churchman, Alvin Troy Wagoner, affiliated with the Church of God In Christ, born in Waco, Texas, October 22, 1916 to Robert and Dossie Wagoner.

This man of God had an early religious background education from his parents, and his uncle, Elder Denny Williams, deceased, former Pastor of Williams Memorial Church of God In Christ in Sacramento, California.

He was saved in 1936, under the late Bishop W.J. Taylor and began his ministry in 1937. He became Elder Taylor's Assistant Pastor the same year. He later served under Bishop J.W. Taylor in Phoenix, Arizona. In 1939, he helped his uncle build the Eighth Street Church of God In Christ in Sacramento, California.

In 1941, the young Elder Wagoner moved to Oakland, California. On July 9, 1941, he was united in marriage to Faidest McCardell. To their union was born one daughter, Sharron Joyce, on September 13, 1946. The young couple worshipped at the church pastored by Elder S.W. Harrison at Eighth and Center Streets in Oakland, California.

During these early church years, Elder Wagoner served in many capacities, the notable being President of the District Y.P.W.W. Department. In 1951 he became assistant Pastor to Bishop E.E. Hamilton at the Emmanuel Church of God In Christ No. 2, Oakland, California. In 1956 he became Pastor of this church and led the membership through many achievments until his untimely death.

In 1958 this courageous young man walked with Late Bishop of California Northwest, Bishop E.E. Hamilton, for the State Of California Northwest to be born. He along with other great men carried the petition, sat in the pews, had discussions with fellowmen how the State should be organized. Bishop E.E. Hamilton was accepted with twenty-one and twenty-two Churches and the State of California was born

This great man of God a Churchman indeed, pursued his hopes and became one of the first Superintendents of California Northwest of the Churches of God In Christ. He worked faithfully and was a loyal supporter to Bishop Hamilton until the Lord called Bishop Hamilton home in 1973.

Bishop A.T. Wagoner completed primary and secondary schools in Mexico, and went on to further his education in Arizona in Business Administration and BC Theological Seminary (Pedagogy & Apologetics) with Law Administration. In 1952 to 1954 he studied Business Management and Business Administration continuing on to Real Estate Sales and Business Management. In 1965 to 1967 he studied "Religion and Society and Instruction of Religious Training", Completing Public Relations and Systematic Thelogy.

The professional activities in travels in 1969 and 1970 carried this man of God, and consecrated by the Late Bishop Hamilton as a Director of Missions to the Bahamas, he visited Cape Palmas, Dakar, Sierra Leone, Monrovia, Africa; London; Tel-a-viv-, Israel; Hawaii and other countries. His objectives were to be cognizant of the land and its resources; to understand the people and their work; to observe their social and cultural achievements (a) Education; (b) Religion; (c) The Arts. He was preparing himself to be ready to serve his church on any occasion. These travels were at his own expense.

The positions that he served were International Sunday School Evangelist of the International Sunday School Work of the Churches of God In Christ, Appointed by Bishop C.W. Williams, President. Superintendent of the Central District of California Northwest, Minister and Pastor of Greater Emmanuel Church of God In Christ, dealing in problems of poverty, education, housing, and urban renewals; the nature of the church responsibility and opportunity in relationship to them. The saving of souls, doing Kingdom work for the Master.

The courses studied relevant of today by Bishop Wagoner was Religion and Society, Ethics and International Systems; Ethics and American Political Thought; Introduction to Religion and Society; Religion and Church in Urban Society; Christianity and Race; and Christianity and International Affairs.

The knowledge and ability of this churchman was unlimited. His knowledge of principles, code, doctrine, conviction; theory premise, and procedures and policy. Being able to plan and coordinate, and ability that was comprehensively unlimited. As a churchman he was dependable, tactful, to concilitate disputes and reconcile contending parties; presence of mind, to decide correctly on sudden indiscretion or irregularity which may occurred among the workers of the church that order and good feeling may be complete. This churchman

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Order of Service

Processional ..... *"Blessed Quietness"*

Old Testament Scripture ..... *Superintendent Clarence Davis*

Prayer ..... *Superintendent T. J. Delaney*

New Testament Scripture ..... *Superintendent W. M. Peterson*

Selection ..... *Greater Emmanuel Choir*

Expressions ..... *Superintendent James Rice*
Central District
Sister Laura Lester
Missionary President, Greater Emmanuel Church
Sister Cumine Ruth Ramsey

Selection ..... *State Choir*

Expressions ..... *Sister Flossie Taylor*
Los Angeles, California
Sister Emily Bram
New York City, New York
Mother Pearl Wilburn
Supervisor of Women's Department California North Central
Mother E. M. Devers
Supervisor of Women's Department California Northern First Jurisdiction
Dr. Mattie McGlothen
Supervisor of Women's Department Northwest California

Solo ..... *Mrs. Sylvia Guiton*

Expressions ..... *Superintendent M. J. Clifton*
California North Central
Superintendent L. B. Johnson
First Jurisdiction Northern California
Superintendent Jesse Grant
Northwest California

Solo ..... *Sister Dorothy Hunt*

Expressions ..... *Bishop B. R. Stewart and other Bishops*

Acknowledgments of Condolences ..... *Sister Sandra Lee Jones*

Resolutions ..... *Sister Bettye Jones*
Greater Emmanuel Church
Sister M. V. Oler
Central District
Elder Jesse Martin
Secretary, California Northwest

Obituary ..... *Mrs. Ruth Rugsley*

Expressions and Presentation of Speaker ..... *Bishop S. R. Martin*
Jurisdictional Bishop, California Northwest

Eulogy ..... *Bishop Felton King*
Phoenix, Arizona

Viewing of Remains .....

Recessional .....

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possessed knowledge to diversify instructions, judgement to preserve the happy medium between rashness and timidity. He was loyal with a good attitude toward his work and he had the maturity to behave properly in his position. He had qualifications for being sincere, with systematic habits, a spirit of cooperation, power of concentration, mental alertness and manual dexterity.

Bishop Wagoner was a coordinator of Social Work in Oakland, California, dealing directly with individuals, helping to arrange for financial assistance, homemaker services, and vocational guidance. He served this Community in depth.

This man was a true man of God ready to give, not to receive. Bishop Wagoner united men and women in a spiritual bond and to show them the way to Christ. Truly men like his was an asset to the world today with social tempers in a stir, individual problems and strugglings in a world conflicts and anxieties it holds.

Leaving to mourn; his wife, Faidest Wagoner; his father, Robert Wagoner of Pixley, California; two daughters, Elanice Pierce and Sharron Wagoner Russell; five grandchildren; two sisters, Ardillia Hardy of Oakland, California and Alice Jackson of Bakersfield, California; one brother, Loy Wagoner of Los Angeles, California, many, many cousins, nephews and all the members of Greater Emmanuel Church and a host of Saints and Friends.

Active Pallbearers

Elder Joe Noble
Elder Alvin Swindell
Elder John Williams
Elder Jerry Macklin
Elder Charles Johnson
Elder John Moore

Honorary Pallbearers

Supt. Jesse Grant
Supt. James Rice
Supt. L.B. Johnson
Supt. T.L. Delaney
Supt. T. Daniels
Supt. J.C. Mannings

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